

Partnership Agreements

As part of the restructuring of the Arts Endowment in 1997, the various categories through which the designated state and regional arts agencies had previously received grants—Basic State Grants, Arts In Education Partnership Grants, and Underserved Communities Set-Aside Grants—were replaced by Partnership Agreements. Awards are based on state plans that cover all aspects of an agency’s programming, including support for arts education and for the arts in underserved communities.

Partnership Agreements complement the Arts Endowment’s other programs—which largely focus on projects of national, regional, or field-wide significance—by sponsoring primarily local or statewide arts activities.

Most of the 56 state and other jurisdictional arts agencies were created in response to the national example and financial incentive provided by the Arts Endowment upon its inception in 1965. Over the past 30 years this incentive has grown into a state-federal partnership that has contributed greatly to increased arts in education, preservation of folk and traditional arts, and development of strong local programs.

Federal Partnership Agreements awarded in 1997 were combined with about \$305 million in state-appropriated funds and used to support more than 26,000 projects in over 5,500 communities. Approximately 30 percent of these awards go to groups in non-metropolitan areas.

Using both federal and state funds, state arts agencies play a critical role in the vitality of arts programming in various communities, including underserved communities. They provide substantial support, including operating support, to arts organizations. They make grants to individual artists in all disciplines. They conduct public art programs such as the Tennessee Arts Commission’s 15-year effort to place sculptures by Tennessee artists at each of the state’s 11 Welcome Centers. They provide technical assistance or services such as artist rosters, and offer information services such as statewide arts calendars.

State arts agencies are the Arts Endowment’s key partners in support of arts education. For example, the Minnesota State Arts Board is helping the state’s public school children meet new performance standards for graduation in the arts. Together the states and the Endowment aim to make the arts basic to education; increase public awareness of the value of arts education; and increase and improve arts education opportunities.

The Endowment also makes Partnership Agreement awards to seven regional organizations, each created by groups of state arts agencies in order to transcend state boundaries and give their citizens access to a richer variety of arts experiences. One of their main roles is to help community presenters make outstanding performing arts events available in underserved communities.

Partnership Agreements**66 awards \$29,960,400**

Partnership Agreements serve multiple artistic disciplines.

*National Services***National Assembly of State Arts Agencies***Washington, DC \$254,000*

An amendment to a previous year's grant to support NASAA's programs and services to state arts agencies.

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies*Washington, DC \$15,800*

A cooperative agreement to support information services.

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies*Washington, DC \$15,000*

A cooperative agreement to administer partnership consultations between the Arts Endowment and state arts agencies.

Regional Arts Organizations

The Arts Endowment's 1997 Partnership Agreements support regional arts organizations in two areas: presenting and touring (some in rural and underserved areas); and grant, service, or administrative programs.

Arts Midwest*Minneapolis, MN \$707,500*

To support the work of Arts Midwest in its member states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michi-

gan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Consortium for Pacific Arts and Cultures*Honolulu, HI \$172,000*

To support the work of the Consortium for Pacific Arts and Cultures in its member territories: American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Marianas.

Mid-America Arts Alliance*Kansas City, MO \$583,600*

To support the work of the Mid-America Arts Alliance in its member states: Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Inc.*Baltimore, MD \$701,000*

To support the work of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation in its member states and territories: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Virgin Islands, and West Virginia.

New England Foundation for the Arts*Boston, MA \$519,300*

To support the work of the New England Foundation for the Arts in its member states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Southern Arts Federation, Inc.*Atlanta, GA \$724,700*

To support the work of the Southern Arts Federation in its member states: Alabama,

Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Western States Arts Federation*Denver, CO \$824,900*

To support the work of the Western States Arts Federation in its member states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

State Arts Agencies

The Arts Endowment's 1997 Partnership Agreements support state and jurisdictional arts agencies in three areas: arts education activities; arts in underserved communities; and grant, service, or administrative programs.

Alabama State Council on the Arts*Montgomery, AL \$447,000***Alaska State Council on the Arts***Anchorage, AK \$400,400***American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture, & Humanities***Pago Pago, AS \$267,400***Arizona Commission on the Arts***Phoenix, AZ \$488,000***Arkansas Arts Council***Little Rock, AR \$410,200***California Arts Council***Sacramento, CA \$865,000***Colorado Council on the Arts**



"This is a culmination of hard work and dreams. It's the tip of the iceberg for the possibilities of community commitment to this neighborhood," said Mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman of this mural, created in a crime-plagued neighborhood as part of a Salisbury, Maryland project funded by the Maryland State Arts Council. The teenagers in the photo helped create the mural. Photo by James Serkoch.

Denver, CO \$417,800

Connecticut Commission on the Arts

Hartford, CT \$486,300

Delaware Division of the Arts

Wilmington, DE \$406,700

**District of Columbia
Commission on the Arts and
Humanities**

Washington, DC \$352,600

**Florida Division of Cultural
Affairs**

Tallahassee, FL \$520,300

Georgia Council for the Arts

Atlanta, GA \$483,500

**Guam Council on the Arts and
Humanities**

Agana, GU \$247,600

**Hawaii State Foundation on
Culture & the Arts**

Honolulu, HI \$414,100

Idaho Commission on the Arts

Boise, ID \$394,700

Illinois Arts Council

Chicago, IL \$559,400

Indiana Arts Commission

Indianapolis, IN \$458,600

Iowa Arts Council

Des Moines, IA \$454,400

Kansas Arts Commission

Topeka, KS \$412,100

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Kentucky Arts Council
Frankfort, KY \$461,600

Louisiana Division of the Arts
Baton Rouge, LA \$443,500

Maine Arts Commission
Augusta, ME \$403,700

Maryland State Arts Council
Baltimore, MD \$469,700

Massachusetts Cultural Council
Boston, MA \$473,300

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs
Detroit, MI \$521,500

Minnesota State Arts Board
St. Paul, MN \$485,400

Mississippi Arts Commission
Jackson, MS \$495,800

Missouri State Council on the Arts
St. Louis, MO \$465,500

Montana Arts Council
Helena, MT \$386,900

Nebraska Arts Council
Omaha, NE \$441,200

Nevada State Council on the Arts
Carson City, NV \$399,500

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
Concord, NH \$410,100

New Jersey State Council on the Arts
Trenton, NJ \$563,200

New Mexico Arts Division
Santa Fe, NM \$383,400

New York State Council on the Arts
New York, NY \$680,600

North Carolina Arts Council
Raleigh, NC \$523,400

North Dakota Council on the Arts
Bismarck, ND \$405,200

Northern Marianas Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture
Saipan, MP \$261,600

Ohio Arts Council
Columbus, OH \$594,000

Oklahoma Arts Council
Oklahoma City, OK \$441,900

Oregon Arts Commission
Salem, OR \$406,700

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
Harrisburg, PA \$598,800

Institute of Puerto Rican Culture
San Juan, PR \$423,100

Rhode Island State Council on the Arts
Providence, RI \$410,400

South Carolina Arts Commission
Columbia, SC \$504,900

South Dakota Arts Council
Pierre, SD \$424,000

Tennessee Arts Commission
Nashville, TN \$468,900

Texas Commission on the Arts
Austin, TX \$627,900

Utah Arts Council
Salt Lake City, UT \$467,600

Vermont Council on the Arts, Inc.
Montpelier, VT \$434,800

Virgin Islands Council on the Arts
St. Thomas, VI \$253,800

Virginia Commission for the Arts
Richmond, VA \$479,200

Washington State Arts Commission
Olympia, WA \$454,400

West Virginia Division of Culture & History
Charleston, WV \$424,700

Wisconsin Arts Board
Madison, WI \$443,500

Wyoming Arts Council
Cheyenne, WY \$422,800

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